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Substitute House Bill No. 6464

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The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ROY, R. of the 119th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING COORDINATED PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) The Interagency
2 Responsible Growth Steering Council, established pursuant to
3 Executive Order No. 15 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, shall review for
4 consistency with the principles of smart growth, as defined in section 1
5 of substitute house bill 6467 of the current session, applications
6 pursuant to the following programs: (1) Open space and watershed
7 land acquisition grants submitted pursuant to section 7-131e of the
8 general statutes, as amended by this act; (2) grants-in-aid for
9 restoration of historic structures and landmarks submitted pursuant to
10 section 10-411 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; (3) funds
11 for brownfield remediation submitted under section 32-9ee of the
12 general statutes, as amended by this act; (4) financial assistance for
13 physical development from the Connecticut Development Authority
14 pursuant to section 6 of this act; (5) grants from the Commissioner of

15 Economic and Community Development for physical development
16 pursuant to section 7 of this act; (6) grants-in-aid pursuant to section 4-
17 66c of the general statutes, as amended by this act; and (7) grants-in-
18 aid under section 4-66g of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

19 (b) The awarding authority shall submit an application to the
20 steering council prior to the final decision of the state agency on the
21 application. The steering council shall review the application and
22 determine whether or not the application for any form of financial
23 assistance is consistent with the principles of smart growth, as defined
24 in section 1 of substitute house bill 6467 of the current session. The
25 steering council shall notify the awarding authority of its
26 determination not more than thirty days after receipt of the
27 application. No financial assistance shall be awarded by the state
28 agency or the Connecticut Development Authority unless the steering
29 council determines that the application is consistent with said
30 principles of smart growth.

31 Sec. 2. Section 7-131e of the general statutes is repealed and the
32 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

33 (a) Grant award decisions under the protected open space and
34 watershed land acquisition grant program established under section
35 7-131d or under the Charter Oak open space grant program
36 established under section 7-131t shall be made by the Commissioner of
37 Environmental Protection at least semiannually. All complete and
38 eligible grant applications shall be acted upon by the commissioner as
39 soon as practicable. A single project may receive a grant in more than
40 one grant cycle, subject to future availability of funds and subject to
41 the limitations set forth in this section and sections 23-78, 12-498 and
42 7-131d. Up to five per cent of the grant funds may be used for
43 administrative expenses including, but not limited to: (1) Contractors
44 to assist the Department of Environmental Protection in the review
45 and evaluation of grant proposals and baseline data collection for
46 conservation easements; (2) appraisals or appraisal reviews; and (3)
47 preparation of legal and other documents. Administrative expenses

48 may not be used for staff salaries. Not later than September 1, 1998, for
49 the protected open space and watershed land acquisition grant
50 program established under section 7-131d, and not later than
51 September 1, 2000, for the Charter Oak open space grant program
52 account established under section 7-131t, the commissioner shall
53 develop written guidelines and a ranking system for consistency and
54 equity in the distribution of grant awards under the protected open
55 space and watershed land acquisition grant program established under
56 section 7-131d or under the Charter Oak open space grant program
57 account established under section 7-131t based on the criteria listed in
58 subsections (b) and (c) of section 7-131d. Consistent with such criteria,
59 additional consideration shall be given to: (A) Protection of lands
60 adjacent to and complementary to adjacent protected open space land
61 or class I or class II water company lands; (B) equitable geographic
62 distribution of the grants; (C) proximity of a property to urban areas
63 with growth and development pressures or to areas with open space
64 deficiencies and underserved populations; (D) protection of land
65 particularly vulnerable to development incompatible with its natural
66 resource values including the protection of a public water supply
67 source; (E) consistency with the state's plan of conservation and
68 development; (F) multiple protection elements, such as water quality
69 and supply protection, scenic preservation and farmland preservation;
70 (G) the extent to which the presence of already constructed buildings
71 or other manmade improvements diminish or overshadow the natural
72 resource value of a proposed acquisition, or its value relative to its
73 cost; and (H) preservation of forest lands and bodies of water which
74 naturally absorb significant amounts of carbon dioxide.

75 (b) There is established a Natural Heritage, Open Space and
76 Watershed Land Acquisition Review Board to assist and advise the
77 commissioner in carrying out the provisions of sections 7-131d to
78 7-131g, inclusive, as amended by this act, and sections 23-73 to 23-79,
79 inclusive. Upon establishment of the review board and selection of a
80 chairman under this section, the review board (1) shall provide
81 comments on selection criteria, policies and procedures; (2) shall
82 promote public participation; (3) shall provide guidance and conduct

83 review of strategies for land protection, including strategies under
84 section 23-8; (4) shall review and evaluate grant award policies and
85 procedures; and (5) may provide comments on any application for
86 funds not later than forty-five days after such application is submitted
87 to the chairman. Upon establishment of the board, the commissioner
88 shall take such comments into consideration in making any decisions
89 regarding such grants.

90 (c) The review board shall consist of twenty-one members as
91 follows: (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the bonding
92 subcommittee of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
93 having cognizance of matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding;
94 (2) one member of the joint standing committee of the General
95 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment,
96 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, and one
97 member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
98 having cognizance of matters relating to planning and development,
99 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, each of whom
100 shall be ex-officio members of the board; (3) the Secretary of the Office
101 of Policy and Management, or his designee; (4) a representative of the
102 business community and a person experienced in issues relating to
103 access to public facilities by persons with disabilities, appointed by the
104 Governor; (5) one representative from an investor-owned water utility,
105 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; (6) one representative
106 from a municipal water utility, appointed by the minority leader of the
107 House of Representatives; (7) one representative from a regional water
108 utility, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; (8) one
109 representative who is a realtor or attorney with a minimum of five
110 years experience in real estate transfers, appointed by the speaker of
111 the House of Representatives; one representative with a minimum of
112 five years experience in the construction industry or land
113 development, appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
114 (9) two representatives of interest groups primarily concerned with the
115 conservation of river watershed regions, appointed one each by the
116 majority leaders of the House of Representatives and the Senate; (10)
117 three representatives from nonprofit organizations primarily

118 concerned with environmental protection or natural resource
119 conservation with a minimum of five years experience in land
120 conservation and acquisition, appointed one each by the Governor, the
121 speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore
122 of the Senate; and (11) one chief elected official of a town with a
123 population less than twenty thousand and one chief elected official of a
124 town with a population greater than twenty thousand, appointed by
125 the Governor. The members, other than the members described in
126 subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of this subsection, shall serve terms of
127 three years provided the terms of the members described in
128 subdivisions (4) to (8), inclusive, of this subsection who are appointed
129 in the year after July 1, 1998, shall expire on October 1, 1999, and
130 further provided the terms of the members described in subdivisions
131 (9) to (11), inclusive, of this subsection shall expire on October 1, 2000.
132 The board shall elect a chairman from among its members and shall
133 make such election on or before October 1, 1998. Members of the board
134 shall serve until reappointed or replaced.

135 (d) Annually, on or before February fifteenth, the board shall submit
136 a report regarding grant awards made in the previous calendar year
137 and any findings and recommendations regarding the open space and
138 watershed land acquisition program and the recreation and natural
139 heritage trust program established under section 23-73 to the General
140 Assembly.

141 (e) The commissioner shall submit each complete and eligible
142 application to the Interagency Responsible Growth Steering Council,
143 established under Executive Order No. 15 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, for
144 review to determine if the application is consistent with the principles
145 of smart growth, as defined in section 1 of substitute house bill 6467 of
146 the current session. The steering council shall notify the commissioner
147 of its determination not more than thirty days after receipt of the
148 application. No grant shall be awarded unless the steering council
149 determines that the application is consistent with said principles of
150 smart growth.

151 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) There is established an open space and watershed land
152 acquisition account within the General Fund which shall consist of any
153 funds required or allowed by law to be deposited into the account
154 including, but not limited to, gifts or donations received for the
155 purposes of section 7-131d. Investment earnings credited to the assets
156 of the account shall become part of the assets of the account. Any
157 balance remaining in the account at the end of any fiscal year shall be
158 carried forward in the account for the fiscal year next succeeding.
159 Payments from the account shall be made upon authorization by the
160 Commissioner of Environmental Protection. Neither the proceeds of
161 any general obligation bonds of the state nor the investment earnings
162 of any such proceeds shall be deposited in the account. The
163 Commissioner of Environmental Protection may use funds in the
164 account for purposes of section 7-131d.

165 Sec. 3. Section 10-411 of the general statutes is repealed and the
166 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

167 (a) Any municipality or private organization may acquire, relocate,
168 restore, preserve and maintain historic structures and landmarks and
169 may receive funds from the state and federal governments for such
170 purposes. Grants-in-aid may be made to owners of historic structures
171 or landmarks in an amount not to exceed fifty per cent of the
172 nonfederal share of the total cost of such acquisition, relocation,
173 historic preservation and restoration. Grants-in-aid shall be made
174 through an assistance agreement signed by the owner. Subsequent to
175 the execution of any such assistance agreement, advances of funds
176 may be made by the commission to the owner of such an historic
177 structure or landmark. The commission shall submit each complete
178 and eligible application for a grant-in-aid to the Interagency
179 Responsible Growth Steering Council, established under Executive
180 Order No. 15 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, for review to determine if the
181 application is consistent with the principles of smart growth, as
182 defined in section 1 of substitute house bill 6467 of the current session.
183 The steering council shall notify the commission of its determination
184 not more than thirty days after receipt of the application. No grant-in-

185 aid shall be awarded unless the steering council determines that the
186 application is consistent with said principles of smart growth.

187 (b) Before executing any such assistance agreement under sections
188 10-410 to 10-415, inclusive, as amended by this act, the commission
189 shall require that (1) the owner has developed a comprehensive
190 historic preservation plan, approved by the commission, together with
191 specific work plans and specifications; (2) the owner provides payment
192 and performance bonds to assure the completion of the preservation
193 work in an authentic manner satisfactory to the commission; (3) the
194 owner has filed with the town clerk in the municipality in which the
195 property is located a declaration of covenant guaranteeing the
196 preservation of the historical or architectural qualities of the property
197 in perpetuity or for a period approved by the commission; (4) the
198 owner receiving funds for the purposes of said sections plans to and
199 can demonstrate an ability to maintain and operate properly the
200 historic structure or landmark for an indefinite period of time and that
201 such owner will open it to the public at reasonable times, free of charge
202 or subject to a reasonable charge as approved by the commission; (5)
203 the owner maintains sufficient casualty and liability insurance to
204 render the state harmless in any action arising from the acquisition,
205 relocation, restoration or operation of properties under said sections;
206 and (6) if such historic structure or landmark lies within the
207 boundaries of any historic district, the proposed acquisition,
208 relocation, preservation and restoration has been approved by the local
209 historic district commission. Such assistance agreement may require
210 that if the owner receiving funds under said sections fails to operate or
211 maintain properly the historic structure or landmark, title to such
212 property may be acquired by the commission upon payment to such
213 municipality or private organization of a sum equal to the amount
214 provided by such municipality or private organization in accordance
215 with such assistance agreement.

216 (c) Federal grants-in-aid shall be administered by the commission in
217 accordance with all federal requirements.

218 (d) The commission shall adopt regulations pursuant to chapter 54
219 for its guidance before making such grants-in-aid or advances. Such
220 regulations shall, among other things, require that the commission
221 determine that the historic structure or landmark to be acquired,
222 relocated or restored is an authentic historic structure or landmark as
223 identified in the state register of historic places.

224 Sec. 4. Section 32-9ee of the general statutes is repealed and the
225 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

226 (a) The municipality or economic development agency that receives
227 grants through the Office of Brownfield Remediation and
228 Development's pilot program established in subsection (c) of section
229 32-9cc shall be considered an innocent party and shall not be liable
230 under section 22a-432, 22a-433, 22a-451 or 22a-452 as long as the
231 municipality or economic development agency did not cause or
232 contribute to the discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage or
233 filtration of such hazardous substance, material, waste or pollution
234 that is subject to remediation under this pilot program; does not
235 exacerbate the conditions; and complies with reporting of significant
236 environmental hazard requirements in section 22a-6u.

237 (b) In determining what funds shall be made available for an
238 eligible brownfield remediation, the Commissioner of Economic and
239 Community Development shall consider (1) the economic
240 development opportunities such reuse and redevelopment may
241 provide, (2) the feasibility of the project, (3) the environmental and
242 public health benefits of the project, and (4) the contribution of the
243 reuse and redevelopment to the municipality's tax base. The
244 commissioner shall submit each proposal for brownfield remediation
245 funds to the Interagency Responsible Growth Steering Council,
246 established under Executive Order No. 15 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, for
247 review to determine if the proposal is consistent with the principles of
248 smart growth, as defined in section 1 of substitute house bill 6467 of
249 the current session. The steering council shall notify the commissioner
250 of its determination not more than thirty days after receipt of the

251 proposal. No funds shall be awarded unless the steering council
252 determines that the proposal is consistent with said principles of smart
253 growth.

254 (c) No person shall acquire title to or hold, possess or maintain any
255 interest in a property that has been remediated in accordance with the
256 pilot program established in subsection (c) of section 32-9cc if such
257 person (1) is liable under section 22a-432, 22a-433, 22a-451 or 22a-452;
258 (2) is otherwise responsible, directly or indirectly, for the discharge,
259 spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration of such hazardous
260 substance, material or waste; (3) is a member, officer, manager,
261 director, shareholder, subsidiary, successor of, related to, or affiliated
262 with, directly or indirectly, the person who is otherwise liable to under
263 section 22a-432, 22a-433, 22a-451 or 22a-452; or (4) is or was an owner,
264 operator or tenant. If such person elects to acquire title to or hold,
265 possess or maintain any interest in the property, that person shall
266 reimburse the state of Connecticut, the municipality and the economic
267 development agency for any and all costs expended to perform the
268 investigation and remediation of the property, plus interest at a rate of
269 eighteen per cent.

270 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) As used in this section:

271 (1) "Authority" means the Connecticut Development Authority,
272 created under section 32-11a of the general statutes; and

273 (2) "Financial assistance" means any and all forms of loans,
274 extensions of credit, guarantees, equity investments or any other form
275 of financing or refinancing to persons for the purchase, acquisition,
276 construction, expansion, continued operation, reconstruction,
277 financing, refinancing or placing in operation of an economic
278 development project, including, but not limited to, fixed assets,
279 working capital, equity participations and acquisitions, employee
280 buyouts, refinancing and financial restructuring.

281 (b) The Connecticut Development Authority before approving any
282 application under any provision of the general statutes for any form of

283 financial assistance for any physical development, including but not
284 limited to, the purchase or improvement of real property and the
285 construction, reconstruction or renovation of a structure, shall submit
286 such application to the Interagency Responsible Growth Steering
287 Council, established pursuant to Executive Order No. 15 of Governor
288 M. Jodi Rell, for a determination of consistency with the principles of
289 smart growth, as defined in section 1 of substitute house bill 6467 of
290 the current session. The steering council shall notify the authority of its
291 determination not more than thirty days after receipt of the
292 application. No financial assistance shall be awarded by the authority
293 unless the steering council determines that the application is consistent
294 with said principles of smart growth.

295 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) The Commissioner of
296 Economic and Community Development, before approving any
297 application under any provision of the general statutes for a grant for
298 physical development, including, but not limited to, the purchase or
299 improvement of real property and the construction, reconstruction or
300 renovation of a structure, shall submit such application to the
301 Interagency Responsible Growth Steering Council, established
302 pursuant to Executive Order No. 15 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, for a
303 determination of consistency with the principles of smart growth, as
304 defined in section 1 of substitute house bill 6467 of the current session.
305 The steering council shall notify the commissioner of its determination
306 not more than thirty days after receipt of the application. No financial
307 assistance shall be awarded by the commissioner unless the steering
308 council determines that the application is consistent with said
309 principles of smart growth.

310 Sec. 7. Section 4-66c of the general statutes is amended by adding
311 subsection (f) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

312 (NEW) (f) Before approving an application for a grant-in-aid under
313 this section, a state agency shall submit such application to the
314 Interagency Responsible Growth Steering Council, established
315 pursuant to Executive Order No. 15 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, for a

316 determination of consistency with the principles of smart growth, as
 317 defined in section 1 of substitute house bill 6467 of the current session.
 318 The steering council shall notify the agency of its determination not
 319 more than thirty days after receipt of the application. No financial
 320 assistance shall be awarded by the state agency unless the steering
 321 council determines that the application is consistent with said
 322 principles of smart growth.

323 Sec. 8. Subsection (d) of section 4-66g of the general statutes is
 324 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 325 *October 1, 2009*):

326 (d) Any grant-in-aid allowed under the small town economic
 327 assistance program under this section may be administered on behalf
 328 of the Office of Policy and Management by another state agency as
 329 determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.
 330 Before approving an application for a grant-in-aid under this section,
 331 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or the head of a
 332 state agency shall submit such application to the Interagency
 333 Responsible Growth Steering Council, established pursuant to
 334 Executive Order No. 15 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, for a determination
 335 of consistency with the principles of smart growth, as defined in
 336 section 1 of substitute house bill 6467 of the current session. The
 337 steering council shall notify the secretary or the head of the state
 338 agency of its determination not more than thirty days after receipt of
 339 the application. No financial assistance shall be awarded by the state
 340 agency unless the steering council determines that the application is
 341 consistent with said principles of smart growth.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	7-131e
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	10-411
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	32-9ee
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section

Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	4-66c
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	4-66g(d)

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Treasurer, Debt Serv.	GF - Potential Savings	See Below	See Below
CT. Development Auth. (quasi-public)	See Below - See Below	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Revenue Loss	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill requires the Interagency Responsible Growth Steering Council to review applications for various programs for consistency with the principles of smart growth. This could result in a General Fund debt service savings to the degree that it delays the expenditure of General Obligation (GO) bond funds if applications are denied funding due to inconsistency with smart growth principles.

The Connecticut Development Authority, a quasi-public, is also required to submit certain applications for review by the Responsible Growth Steering committee. This could result in a delay in the expenditure of such financial assistance to the extent that applications for various programs associated with physical development are denied due to inconsistency.

The bill could also result in a revenue loss to municipalities to the extent that applications for grants-in-aid that would have gone to

municipalities are denied funding due to inconsistency with smart growth principles.

The Out Years

The fiscal impact for future years will depend on the number of applications denied funding due to the lack of consistency with the principles of smart growth.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6464*****AN ACT CONCERNING COORDINATED PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows state agencies to fund projects under specific programs only if they are consistent with the smart growth principles delineated in another bill (sHB 6467). Agencies must submit the applications they receive for funding under these programs to the eight-member Responsible Growth Interagency Steering Council, which has up to 30 days to determine they are consistent with the principles.

The governor created the council by executive order to coordinate the state's development and preservation policies and plans. It consists of the departments of Agriculture, Environmental Protection, Public Health, and Economic and Community Development; the quasi-public Connecticut Development Authority and Connecticut Housing Finance Authority; and the Office of Policy and Management (OPM).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009

SMART GROWTH

The council must review funding applications based on the sHB 6467's definition of smart growth. That bill defines this term so that state, regional, and local planning bodies can incorporate smart growth principles in their plans of conservation and development. Under sHB 6467, smart growth is economic, social, and environmental development that:

1. simultaneously promotes economic competitiveness and preserves natural resources and

2. allows state, regional, and municipal officials to collaboratively plan, make decisions, and evaluate policies.

The development must use financial or other incentives to promote competitiveness and resource preservation.

Smart growth principles are standards and criteria that, among other things:

1. integrate planning in a way that coordinates state and local tax, transportation, housing, and environmental policies;
2. reduce the extent to which municipalities depend on the property tax and compete against each other for new growth by delivering services regionally;
3. redevelop existing infrastructure and resources, including brownfields and historic places;
4. provide rail, bikeways, walking, and other transportation alternatives to automobile travel while reducing energy consumption;
5. develop or preserve housing for workers or households with different incomes near transportation nodes, job sites, or other eligible locations (which the bill does not define);
6. concentrate mixed-use development around transportation nodes and civic and cultural centers; and
7. conserve and protect natural resources by preserving open space, farmland, and historic property and furthering energy efficiency.

CONSISTENCY REVIEWS

Process

The bill requires the council to determine if applications for specified preservation and economic development funds are consistent

with smart growth principles. The agencies administering these funds must submit the applications to the council before deciding whether to approve them. The council has up to 30 days to complete a consistency review and notify the administering agency, which may approve the application if the council determines that it is consistent with smart growth principles.

Applicable Programs

The bill requires consistency reviews for programs providing funds for preserving, open spaces and historic structures and landmarks and developing land. The table below identifies them.

<i>Program</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>Description</i>
Open Space and Watershed Acquisition Grants (CGS § 7-131d)	Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)	Grants to (1) municipalities and nonprofits for acquiring open space land and (2) water companies for acquiring Class I or Class II water supply property
Restoration of Historic Structures and Landmarks (CGS § 10-411)	Commission on Culture and Tourism	Matching grants to municipalities and private organizations for acquiring, relocating, preserving, or restoring historic structures and landmarks
Brownfield Remediation Pilot Program and Grants (CGS § 32-9ee)	Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development, Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)	Funds for cleaning up and redeveloping contaminated property in five designated municipalities
Financial Assistance	Connecticut Development Authority	Financing under any programs for acquiring or improving land and constructing, reconstructing, or renovating structures
Grants	DECD	Grants under any programs for acquiring or improving land and constructing, reconstructing, or renovating structures
Urban Action Bonds	Departments of	Grants for projects promoting

(CGS § 4-66c)	Transportation, Social Services, Environmental Protection, and Economic and Community Development and OPM	community conservation and improvement and improving the quality of life for urban residents
Small Town Economic Assistance Program (CGS § 4-66g)	Office of Policy and Management	Funds for projects in relatively small municipalities that do not qualify for funds under programs targeting distressed areas

BACKGROUND

Related Bills

sHB 6467, (File 549) requires future versions of state, regional, and local plans of conservation and development to incorporate smart growth principles. It also requires OPM to develop model zoning regulations incorporating these principles.

sHB 6465 (File 557) requires the Transportation Strategy Board to include a capital plan for transportation investments that incorporate the smart growth principles delineated in sHB 6467. It also requires the board to advise the Bond Commission on the extent to which transportation capital projects incorporate smart growth principles.

BACKGROUND

Legislative History

The House referred the bill (File 551) to the Environment Committee, which reported a substitute removing proposed purchases of farmland development rights from consistency reviews.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/20/2009)

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 25 Nay 2 (04/24/2009)